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Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by:
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***AN ACT CONCERNING POLICE OFFICER TRAINING
REQUIREMENTS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 7-294d of the 2006 supplement to
2 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
3 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2006*):

4 (a) The Police Officer Standards and Training Council shall have the
5 following powers:

6 (1) To develop and periodically update and revise a comprehensive
7 municipal police training plan;

8 (2) To approve, or revoke the approval of, any police training school
9 and to issue certification to such schools and to revoke such
10 certification;

11 (3) To set the minimum courses of study and attendance required
12 and the equipment and facilities to be required of approved police
13 training schools;

14 (4) To set the minimum qualifications for law enforcement
15 instructors and to issue appropriate certification to such instructors;

16 (5) To require that all probationary candidates receive the hours of
17 basic training deemed necessary before being eligible for certification,
18 such basic training to be completed within one year following the
19 appointment as a probationary candidate, unless the candidate is
20 granted additional time to complete such basic training by the council;

21 (6) To require the registration of probationary candidates with the
22 academy within ten days of hiring for the purpose of scheduling
23 training;

24 (7) To issue appropriate certification to police officers who have
25 satisfactorily completed minimum basic training programs;

26 (8) To require that each police officer satisfactorily complete at least
27 forty hours of certified review training every three years in order to
28 maintain certification, unless the officer is granted additional time not
29 to exceed one year to complete such training by the council;

30 (9) To renew the certification of those police officers who have
31 satisfactorily completed review training programs;

32 (10) To establish uniform minimum educational and training
33 standards for employment as a police officer in full-time positions,
34 temporary or probationary positions and part-time or voluntary
35 positions;

36 (11) To visit and inspect police basic training schools and to inspect
37 each school at least once each year;

38 (12) To consult with and cooperate with universities, colleges and
39 institutes for the development of specialized courses of study for
40 police officers in police science and police administration;

41 (13) To consult with and cooperate with departments and agencies

42 of this state and other states and the federal government concerned
43 with police training;

44 (14) To employ an executive director and any other personnel that
45 may be necessary in the performance of its functions;

46 (15) To perform any other acts that may be necessary and
47 appropriate to carry out the functions of the council as set forth in
48 sections 7-294a to 7-294e, inclusive, as amended;

49 (16) To accept contributions, grants, gifts, donations, services or
50 other financial assistance from any governmental unit, public agency
51 or the private sector;

52 (17) To conduct any inspection and evaluation that may be
53 necessary to determine if a law enforcement unit is complying with the
54 provisions of this section;

55 (18) At the request and expense of any law enforcement unit, to
56 conduct general or specific management surveys;

57 (19) To develop objective and uniform criteria for granting any
58 waiver of regulations or procedures established by the council;

59 (20) To recruit, select and appoint candidates to the position of
60 probationary candidate, as defined in section 7-294a, as amended, and
61 provide recruit training for candidates of the Connecticut Police Corps
62 program in accordance with the Police Corps Act, 42 USC 14091 et
63 seq., as amended from time to time;

64 (21) To develop, adopt and revise, as necessary, comprehensive
65 accreditation standards for the administration and management of law
66 enforcement units, to grant accreditation to those law enforcement
67 units that demonstrate their compliance with such standards and, at
68 the request and expense of any law enforcement unit, to conduct such
69 surveys as may be necessary to determine such unit's compliance with
70 such standards;

71 (22) To appoint any council training instructor, or such other person
72 as determined by the council, to act as a special police officer
73 throughout the state as such instructor or other person's official duties
74 may require, provided any such instructor or other person so
75 appointed shall be a certified police officer. Each such special police
76 officer shall be sworn and may arrest and present before a competent
77 authority any person for any offense committed within the officer's
78 precinct;

79 (23) To grant credit toward the number of hours of basic training
80 required before being eligible for certification for probationary
81 candidates who have earned an associate's or bachelor's degree in
82 criminal justice or law enforcement from an accredited college or
83 university.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	October 1, 2006	7-294d(a)
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Statement of Purpose:

To shorten the training time for a probationary police officer who has earned an associate's or bachelor's degree in criminal justice or law enforcement by authorizing the Police Officer Standards and Training Council to grant such officer credit for such degree against the basic training requirements.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]